GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:38
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2002
BASIC IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether nearly 45 per cent of children are yet to be immunised with all the six basic vaccines;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure that all the children are immunised with all these basic vaccines in time;

(c) whether low publicity is being given to immunisation programme; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 38 FOR 20.11.2002

As per UNICEF evaluation, the percentage of fully immunized children in the country against the six vaccine-preventable diseases namely childhood tuberculosis, diptheria, pertussis, poliomyelitis, measles and neo-natal tetanus in 2000-01 was 53.6%.

Under the Universal Immunization Programme, being implemented by the Government of India through the States, vaccination is available to the children throughout the country for control of six vaccine-preventable diseases namely childhood tuberculosis, diptheria, pertussis, poliomyelitis, measles and neo-natal tetanus. The Government of India provides vaccine, syringes and needles, cold chain and injection safety equipments, funds for cold chain maintenance to the States for implementation of this programme, etc. The Government has also initiated activities to improve the coverage by extending support particularly to the weakly performing States through the Immunization Strengthening Project, the Reproductive and Child Health Outreach Services scheme and also training of State and District level officials for improving coverage and quality of Immunization Programme.The funds for IEC (information, education and communication) activities are also provided to the States under the Outreach Services Scheme.